



CENTRAL OHIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION



Box 1561, Dublin, OH 43017

February 2016

When: 7 p.m., Feb. 17
Where: Oakstone Academy
939 S. State St., Westerville
Speaker: Bruce S
Topic: Comitia Americana medals

February presentation

Comitia Americana medals honor the military leaders of the revolution and commemorate critical engagements in that struggle. Each of them tells a fascinating tale, but collectively, the story of their authorization by Congress and their production in France and the United States is likewise compelling. Despite the high price tags on original examples, it is possible to collect these pieces on a more modest budget. - **Bruce S**



Nike flies above Guliemo Washington on this Comitia Americana medal celebrating Guliemo 1781 victory at Cowpens

January presentation

U.S. Mint and assay office silver ingots that once sold for bullion are hot collector's items, Ken Conaway said, with 5 oz ones sometimes topping \$4,000.

Ingots date from the 1890s to the mid 1980s. For a small fee, the government would take scrap metal and convert it to .999-fine silver ingots.

Until the 1940s, citizens could take grandma's old silverware to the mint and take home .999 ingots. For the next 40 years, the mints and assay offices still



Ken Conaway discusses Mint silver ingots.

served industrial users. Most of the ingots produced, Conaway said, were eventually used as raw material in the jewelry trade.

Many surviving ingots were melted in the late 1970s and early 1980s when silver topped \$50 an ounce. Survivors, he said, now have numismatic value. That value keeps rising as he writes about them.

Conaway writes a blog about the ingots - silveringot.blogspot.com - that advances collector knowledge about the little-known area of numismatics.

Club auction

Send March lots to Steve B - sbarnet5@columbus.rr.com - by March. 8.

Star award



President Steve Petty presents the CONA Star award to Vern W.

New life members



Denny R (top) and John Roberts receive their life membership certificates at the January meeting.

Columbus Coin Show

When: Feb. 21- 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Where: Makoy Center, 5462 Center, Hilliard

Admission: CONA members get in free

Raffle

John King won the NGC MS-64 1921 Morgan Silver Dollar in January.

February will have TWO prizes for ONE draw: 1976 3-coin Uncirculated silver set AND 3-coin Proof silver set. Both dollars are Variety 1. These continue to be popular sets, and one winner will have all. Tickets are \$1 each, 6 for \$5, OR 13 for \$10. -- Gary

Lancaster Masonic Lodge auction

When: Feb. 25

Details: www.dafauction.com

The trip to Central States coin show.

We will be leaving from Oakstone Academy @ 2 p.m. on April 28 and arrive in Schaumburg, Ill. around 8 p.m. The Wyndham Garden Schaumburg Chicago Northwest is within walking distance of the show and we have a special rate of \$75/night plus 14% tax. They have breakfast buffet for \$5 additional per room. I feel this is the best lodging.

On Friday, activities begin @ 7:30 a.m. and end after 8 p.m., whenever the Heritage Currency Auction ends. We can go to the show on Saturday for half a day with a tentative departure time of 2 p.m. This will get us back to Columbus by 9 p.m. You can view the schedule @ <http://www.centralstates.info/sched.html>.

If you are interested or have questions, please email me. We have 8 people signed up and we need at least 4 more to make one full van. I understand that the sign up sheet didn't circulate to everyone at last month's meeting.

Spence S

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Free ANA memberships

I've still got three ANA memberships to give away.

Each membership (valued at \$28) includes a digital subscription to *The Numismatist*. The free memberships cannot be used by current members or anyone who has been a member within the past two years. See Gerry Tebben if you're interested.

Hilltop auction

When: Feb. 22 (5:30 p.m. lot viewing)

Where: Grove City Coin, 2655 Columbus St.

November winners:

Door prizes: Turner B Marlene C , Dan C and Janis T

Quiz: Steve B , Chris P and Gerry Tebben

50/50: Jack Smith's name was drawn, but he was not present.

Speakers

March - Steve Petty

TBA - Chris McDowell on Abel Buell

TBA - Gerry Tebben on coins on TV

Speakers are needed for much of 2016. See Gerry or Steve Petty if you want to give a presentation.

Dues due

2016 CONA dues are due.

Single - \$15

Family - \$21.

If you haven't paid your dues, send you check to CONA, Box 1561, Dublin, OH 43017.

Remember. CONA members pay half price for the Christmas banquet, making the dues, especially family dues, a money saver.

Rare Columbus find

Coin World reports, "A hoard of more than 1,300 tokens and medals from the estate of numismatist Virgil M. Brand that were originally destined for the melting pot as part of a divorce settlement has been acquired by the Chicago Coin Company."

Included in the lot was a rare shell card. "Unlisted in Q. David Bowers' reference The Token and Medal Society Guide to U.S. Shell Cards 1867-1880. The obverse design resembles that for an 1867 Seated Liberty silver half dollar, with the reverse featuring an orange insert on which is printed R.B. WHITZELL, / JOBBER AND DEALER / IN / BOOTS & SHOES, / NO. 165 / S. HIGH STREET, / COLUMBUS, OHIO."



Ohio nationals stolen

The Numismatic Crime Information Center reports a bunch of Ohio nationals were stolen from a vehicle of a dealer attending the Perry, GA coin show Jan. 29.

The following is a list of stolen coins and currency:

1- 1873-S Gold Sovereign from Sydney Australia (Raw XF+)

1- 1914 \$2 1/2 Gold Indian (Raw AU)

1- 1914-D \$5 Gold Indian (Raw AU Cleaned)

6 each 1 oz Proof Gold Eagles with Box and COA (1986- 1991)

5 - 4 pc Proof Gold Eagle sets in box with COA (1987)

1 - 100 oz Engelhard Silver Bar

1946 P/D/S Set Booker T Washington Half Dollar Commemoratives NGC MS 65 (in the Old Fat Holders)

1936 P/D/S set of Columbia Half Dollar Commemoratives NGC MS 65

2 - Ship wreck 8 Reales in NGC Ship wreck Holders

\$20 - 1882 Coshocton Ohio National Currency Note Serial #N544263 - Bank # 5103

\$5 - 1882 Portsmouth Ohio National Currency Note Serial # B4264516 - Bank #935

\$50 - 1902 Lancaster Ohio National Currency Note Serial # A248247 - Bank #9547

\$10 - 1902 Bryan Ohio National Currency Note Serial # H185770E - Bank #2474

\$20 - 1929 Troy Ohio National Currency Note Serial # D001539A - Bank # 3825

\$20 - 1929 London Ohio National Currency Note Serial # A000389A - Bank #10373

\$5 - 1929 Coshocton Ohio National Currency Note Serial # E007982A - Bank # 5103

\$5 - 1929 Camden Ohio National Currency Note Serial # A001178A - Bank #8300

\$10 - 1929 Delaware Ohio National Currency Note Serial # D000232A - Bank #7505

\$10 - 1929 Greenville Ohio National Currency Note Serial #C003794A - Bank #7130

1 - 14" Red Double Row box of about 275 Raw collector type coins to include approx. 45 Barber Half Dollar from VF to AU condition 40 liberty Seated Half Dollars VF to AU condition. Large amount of Morgan Silver Dollars most uncirculated (Most of the 2x2's were writing with Blue Gel pin)

1 - Smaller double row box of Raw collector Copper type coins, to include Large Cents, Indian Cents as well better circulated Lincoln Cents.

1 - White Postal Mail Tote full of Commemorative Silver Dollars as well as some brown flat Pack Proof Sets from 1955 - 1961.

Anyone with information on this offense please contact:

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